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FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PRESS CONFERENCE, 9/9/75).

FOR GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ COLON FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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BEGIN QUOTE:

Q: WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS WITH CUBA, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE FORUM
BEING HELD IN HAVANA FOR THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENCE OF
PUERTO RICO?

A: WE HAVE PURSUED A POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CUBA
OF MOVING BY RECIPROCAL STEPS TOWARDS AN IMPROVEMENT OF
RELATIONS. THIS POLICY HAS SHOWN SOME PROGRESS AND WE
ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE THIS POLICY. AT THE SAME TIME,
THE MEETING IN HAVANA CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY US AS AN
UNFRIENDLY ACT AND AS A SEVERE SETBACK TO THIS PROCESS
AND AS A TOTALLY UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE IN OUR DOMESTIC
AFFAIRS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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